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Absentee Shawnee
Li-Si-Wi-Nwi "Among the Shawnee"
News

Official Newsletter of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma



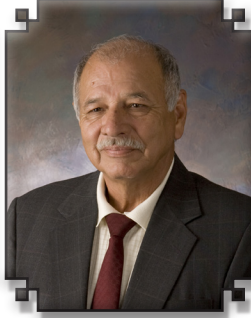
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Executive Committee



George Blanchard
Governor



Dan Little Axe Sr.
Lt. Governor



Alecia Onzawah
Representative



Michelle Lopez
Secretary



Anita Chisholm
Treasurer

Governor's Report

Hello Fellow Tribal Members:

On Nov. 5th, 2009, as Governor for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, I was privileged to attend the White House Tribal Nations conference in Washington D.C.

The important issues for our Tribe that the President addressed are

1. Health care for the Elderly.
2. Housing for Tribal Members.
3. Alcohol/drug-free families.

The President sent a memo to all his staff to assist all Tribes in their efforts to get their members the best Health Care, and Housing programs up to standards for Tribal Members. The President also asked for proposals to increase the number of Tribal Police in order to reduce drug use and all other abuses. The President asked that these proposals be submitted within the next ninety days.

These are the SAME issues I wanted to address when I ran for the Office of Governor. I will continue to fight every day so that ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS have expert/qualified Health officials to care for them, and see that every Tribal Member has a Safe and Drug-free home.

In this regard, I have asked our Tribal Grant writers to investigate and pursue all available grants pertaining to Tribal Members released from incarceration, or Drug Rehab facilities in order to help them assimilate back into our society in a productive manner.

My personal thanks to all Tribal Members past and

present who serve in our armed forces here at home and abroad. We should thank them every day, not just one day per year.

I want to thank those Tribal Members who attended General Council, and thanks to you who had comments and statements to bring to the council (and the Executive Committee). I am trying my best to correct these mistakes, and check into these matters.

Every one feel free to come by the office and visit with me. I answer (return) all calls that come to my office.

Every one have a good and safe Christmas,

George Blanchard

Governor of

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Treasurer's Report-December2009

November has been another one of those very busy months. The trees outside are changing fast and before you know it Christmas will be here. We have a lot of activites around the tribal complex. In addition to having Veterans Day off and Thanksgiving we have also had several cultural activities. I attended the "old Photo workshop" given by the Culture Department, the elders Pow Wow, the Thanksgiving Dinner for the employees, a breakfast at the Choctaw chamber of Commerce. All these activities are good and important to tribe. I enjoy being around our tribal people. I always learn something of value when I am around good people.

I've also attended the following meetings for the tribe (the Health Board meeting, All Nations Bank Board meeting, Director's meeting, Casino board meeting, ASEDA board meeting, all the EC informal meetings). All these meetings are important for the EC to attend. These meetings keep all of us informed about what each of the groups are doing. It is important for all the EC members keep themselves informed about these various important meetings. With knowledge we can have more understanding and be able to help when needed.

We will be selecting new leadership very soon after the start of year 2010. I hope you will find out as much as possible each new person who runs for office. From my perspective as a leader who has served the tribe since July 08 to now here are a few observations I'd like to share with you as you decide who you should vote on.

1) we need leaders who are totally committed to serving the tribe in a full time capacity. We don't need people who are unwilling who don't care enough to come to work full time. When one person is like this it makes it bad for the other four leaders. We must meet so many times at the drop of a hat on some important issues. We four meet make decisions and one is missing most of the time this causes poor communication and problems with getting things done. Please don't elect anyone who can't/won't commit to serving in their leadership role full time. That means full time (40 hrs a week at the tribal complex dealing with tribal issues).

2) we need leaders who can communicate verbally and written in a professional manner. Communication among the elected leaders is essential. We don't have to be experts in communicating but we need to be able to be open and honest in sharing information about a subject matter. We need to be able to express how we feel without getting bad/angry because someone doesn't agree with our opinion. When this happens communication stops. Don't elect an angry/mad person who thinks only he/she is right about everything. We need people to be able to communicate.

3) we need leaders who can understand why we have administrative policies/procedures and it is necessary to follow them. We can't stand around and make up our own rules to suit our needs. We must look at the board picture of how this will effect the tribe as a whole. The rules that have been set up should be followed.

4) We need leaders who know how important it is to plan. Yes plan ahead, set goals/objectives for the next three months, the next six months, the next year and the next five years. Without planning the tribe can not and will not move ahead. Not planning creates confusion, chaos, hard feelings, angry. You name it happens. With planning and communicating that plan to all the employees and tribal people we all can move in the same direction. We'll be moving forward. Nothing is perfect. We are all imperfect people but with open communication, planning and following our own rules and regulations we can move forward.

These are just a few of my thoughts. You can take it or leave. I think the Governor, the Secretary, the Representative and myself have really worked on all the above and we are moving forward. We've made progress. I know from the financial side of it here are the following accomplishments I feel my office has made.

As you decide on who you will vote on I do hope you will consider voting the Alecia Onzawah. You can tell by the articles that she writes she is extremely knowledgeable about our tribal government, how it works, how it should work and knows all the various issues that tribes have to deal with. She is well spoken in a small or large group, she knows the issues and she writes very well. You would be proud of her if you were able to see her in action. She is very knowledgeable about water rights, employees right, Tero, child welfare issues, financial issues, trust issues, etc. This is the type of leader ASTribes needs. Knowledgeable, thoughtful, honest and direct. You can rest assured she will represent the tribe well in anything she does.

We want our leaders to be the type of person that other tribal leaders respect and listen too. She is just that type of leaders. I fully support her candidacy and hope all those that voted for me in the last election will get to know her and vote for her in the March election. She is an excellent person. You can't go wrong with her.

THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Says for the month

1. Can I help you? What do you want?
hi-ka-ni-ti-mo-la? na-he-wa se-ki-ti?
2. Come and help us.
pe-yi-lo ni-ti-mi-we-ni-ka
3. You can help us.
ke-li ta-pe ka-ni-ti-mi-we
4. Can you work today?
hi-ta-pe ka-pa-ki-ta-fe ya-se wi-pi-ke
5. Lets all go to work.
ka-gi-ke pi-pa-ki-ta-fe-pa (ka-pi-pa-ki-ta-fe-pa
gi-yi-ke ke-li)
6. Wash the dishes.
ka-ke-fe-ni-ni ne-ho-li-ki-ni
7. Clean the house.
ka-ho-fa-pe-lo-ti yo-mi we-ke-wi
8. Sweep the floor.
ka-ge-ki-te-ta-ko
9. Wash your clothes.
ka-ke-fe-ni-wa (ka-ke-fe-ni-ni ke-pe-ta-ne-
ki-ni)
10. Fix your bed.
ka-ho-se-fa-to he-ne te-fi-ne (ka-ho-li-pa-na-
ni ti-na-pi-yi-ne)
11. I need to go to the restroom.
qe-li-he ne-si pi-lo-fi
12. Did you wash your hands?
hi-ke ke-fe-la-ge-yi?

FY-2008 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (thru 10/31/2009)

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE	
													TOTAL	% OF COLLECTIONS
Sales (6%)	\$13,683.19	\$13,201.74	\$6,070.96	\$9,073.01	\$3,992.80	\$9,207.56	\$7,314.45	\$7,638.50	\$5,074.47	\$11,461.41			\$86,718.09	5.91%
Gaming % of free cash	\$85,000.00	\$116,114.00	\$125,239.00	\$181,743.00	\$80,000.00	\$217,527.00	\$98,732.00	\$80,000.00	\$110,911.00	\$100,608.00			\$1,155,874.00	78.82%
Employee (1%)	\$13,066.41	\$8,309.81	\$7,358.43	\$7,538.09	\$7,456.64	\$9,511.98	\$7,810.92	\$10,532.94	\$7,716.60	\$8,039.34			\$87,341.16	5.96%
Severance (8%)	\$1,763.38	\$909.99	\$3,161.33	\$2,199.15	\$1,722.03	\$1,841.43	\$1,252.70	\$1,288.98	\$3,947.86	\$1,418.42			\$19,305.27	1.33%
Motor Vehicle	\$8,776.01	\$11,549.23	\$13,846.53	\$11,340.75	\$9,884.95	\$10,828.21	\$12,753.53	\$11,221.93	\$8,982.20	\$14,955.36			\$114,138.70	7.78%
TOTAL TAXES	\$123,288.99	\$150,084.77	\$155,676.25	\$211,894.00	\$83,056.42	\$246,916.18	\$127,863.60	\$90,682.35	\$136,632.13	\$136,482.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,463,577.22	
Miscellaneous	\$1,009.92	\$355.38	\$275.00	\$190.00	\$117.50	\$195.00	\$162.50	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$290.00			\$2,835.30	0.19%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$123,298.91	\$150,440.15	\$155,951.25	\$212,084.00	\$83,173.92	\$249,111.18	\$128,026.10	\$90,822.35	\$136,732.13	\$136,772.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,466,412.52	100%

NOTE:

MV for April reflects a returned ok.

MV for May reflects a returned ok.

FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION:

This is to announce the positions that will be coming up for Election in 2010. The filing period is January 1, 2010 to January 10, 2010 (excluding Holidays and Weekends.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

POSITION	TERM	FILING FEE
Lt. Governor	2 Year	\$500.00
Treasurer	2 Year	\$500.00
Representative	2 Year	\$500.00

ELECTION COMMISSION

Election Commissioner	3 Year	\$125.00
Election Secretary	3 Year	\$125.00

PLEASE fill out EACH BLANK completely and return by the Deadline.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

I, _____, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible Voter
(Print Name)
of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before March 20, 2010. I cannot physically be present
to cast my Vote at the **March 20, 2010 Primary Election**, therefore, I am requesting an
Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): _____
(first) (middle) (maiden) (last)

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

CDIB#: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

All **REQUESTS** must be returned to the Election Commission by the deadline of
February 28, 2010

Return this Form to:

Absentee Shawnee Election Commission
P.O. Box 741
Tecumseh, OK 74873

Phone: (405) 275-4030 ext. 150
Toll free number 1-800-256-3341
Fax # (405) 273-1337

All eligible voters are entitled to vote, either at the Polls or by Absentee Ballot.
For your convenience - This request may be duplicated

ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

Received: _____ Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____

If Disapproved (reason): _____

Denial Letter Mailed: _____ Ballot Mailed: _____

Election Commission/Representative

Contract Health Service Reminders

Contract Health Services requires at least 24 hour notification of all eligible appointments prior to issuance of a Coordination of Benefits (COB). If you are seeing a new provider you **must** call in your appointment to Contract Health 72 hours prior to appointment time. It is also important to update every 6 months.

Contract Health Services is limited on the amount of money available.

In no event are monetary limits to be exceeded.

1. Optometry Benefit not to exceed \$350.00 per calendar year.
2. Dental Benefit not to exceed \$1,000.00 per calendar year. All uninsured eligible tribal citizens must first be seen at the AST Dental Arts Clinic.
3. Orthodontic Benefit not to exceed \$2,000.00 life-time limit. All uninsured eligible tribal citizens must first receive a referral for orthodontics from the AST Dental Arts Clinic.
4. Hearing Aide Benefit not to exceed \$1,500.00 per three (3) year term.

A Partnership for Healthier Eating: Title VI and Healthy Heart

On November 13th, Title VI and Healthy Heart staff worked together to bring a heart healthy breakfast to participants. The menu included country corn frittata and a fall festival salad. The breakfast was selected for taste, and being low cost, and more importantly being healthy.

The recipe is below:



County Corn Frittata

(6 servings)

- 3 cups whole kernel corn - thawed if frozen
- 8 large eggs - beaten
- 3/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon oregano
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- Cooking spray or olive oil for frying

In a food processor or blender, blend the milk and half of the corn until smooth. Add beaten eggs and all spices and pulse until well combined.

Coat a large nonstick skillet with cooking spray or olive oil and heat to medium-high heat. Add remaining corn and onions and saute vegetables until tender (3 or 4 minutes).

Pour egg mixture into skillet over the vegetables. Cover and cook over medium-low heat for 15 minutes or until set.

Remove skillet from heat and sprinkle cheese evenly over the top. Cover and allow cheese to melt (about 2 minutes).



Ron McIntosh and Johnnie May with County Corn Frittata

Happy Birthday

**Happy 99th Birthday
Catherine
Love, Cheryl and Family**

**Happy B-day
Mom (Dana)
Love, Uriah and Milania**

**Happy B-day
Babs
Love, Cheryl and Family**

**Happy B-day
Georgieann
Love, Cheryl and Family**

Dec. 4 Jamie Blanchard Bierd love Baley and Cole, Jim, mom, and Aunt Rhonda
Holly Davis Dec. 10 Happy 22nd B-Day love Eli, Darrol, Jessica, mom, and Greg
Happy B-Day Aunt Holly on Dec. 10 love, Ryan
Alicia Engler Dec. 12 Happy B-Day momma Love Emily and Daddy
Alicia Happy B-Day love Aunt Rhonda and Chelle
Dec. 14 Happy B-Day Sherry Byers you're so crazy, we all love you Chelle/Nikki, Rhonda, and families
Zelda Foreman Happy B-Day sister love Belle, Nora, Roy, and Frank

**Happy 5th Birthday Jiliyan Jade Spoon
we love you!
Love Auntie BJ and Uncle Troy**

**HAPPY B-DAY
TY SHIELDS
LOVE,
DAMAL & GRANDPA**

Happy 5th Birthday to my sweet little granddaughter
Jiliyan Jade Spoon I love you!
Love, Granny Low



**HAPPY B-DAY
Desi Shields
Love,
Damal & Grandpa**

**Happy B-day
Dana
Love, Mom, Dad, and
Family**

**Happy 5th Birthday Tiny! We love you very much!
Love your brothers Justin and Joplin**

**Jili Beans Happy 5th Birthday Sweetie We
Love You!
Love, Mommy & Daddy**



Thank you!

From the Family of Maurice (Mick) Johnson

Thank you all for attending the funeral, you being present meant so much to us. Thank you also for helping with the tables and tents, we were truly grateful. Our deepest thanks to Governor George Blanchard, thank you for honoring Maurice and capturing his spirit with such heartfelt words.

**Sincerely,
The Family of Maurice (Mick) Johnson**

I want to express my appreciation for the great kindness shown to me at the Veterans Day Powwow on Nov. 14th.

It came as a big surprise to me regarding the gifts of appreciation and I want to thank Rich and Mary Birdtail, Gov. George Blanchard and his wife, and all the many tribal elders I have met in the past year. It was an event of a lifetime and I will always cherish and remember the Absentee Shawnee and the wonderful day we had in Tecumseh.

Pilamaya! (Thank you)!

Donovin Sprague
Hump

THE MEDIA DEPARTMENT'S **INTERESTING**



FACTS...

"JINGLE BELLS" WAS FIRST WRITTEN FOR THANKSGIVING AND THEN BECAME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR CHRISTMAS SONGS.

CHRISTMAS BECAME A NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN AMERICA ON JUNE, 26,

THE FIRST STATE TO RECOGNIZE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OFFICIALLY WAS ALABAMA

CHRISTMAS-CELEBRATIONS.COM

Education Department

The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

- **Academic (K-12) Program**: assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses.
- **Zahn Program**: established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates.
- **Job Training Adult Education Program**: funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions.
- Higher Education: **Education Incentive Award Program**: funds for undergraduate degrees, one associates or bachelors degree, at any accredited college or university.
- **Graduate Scholarship Program**: funds for one master's degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund for one graduate admissions test.

Attention:

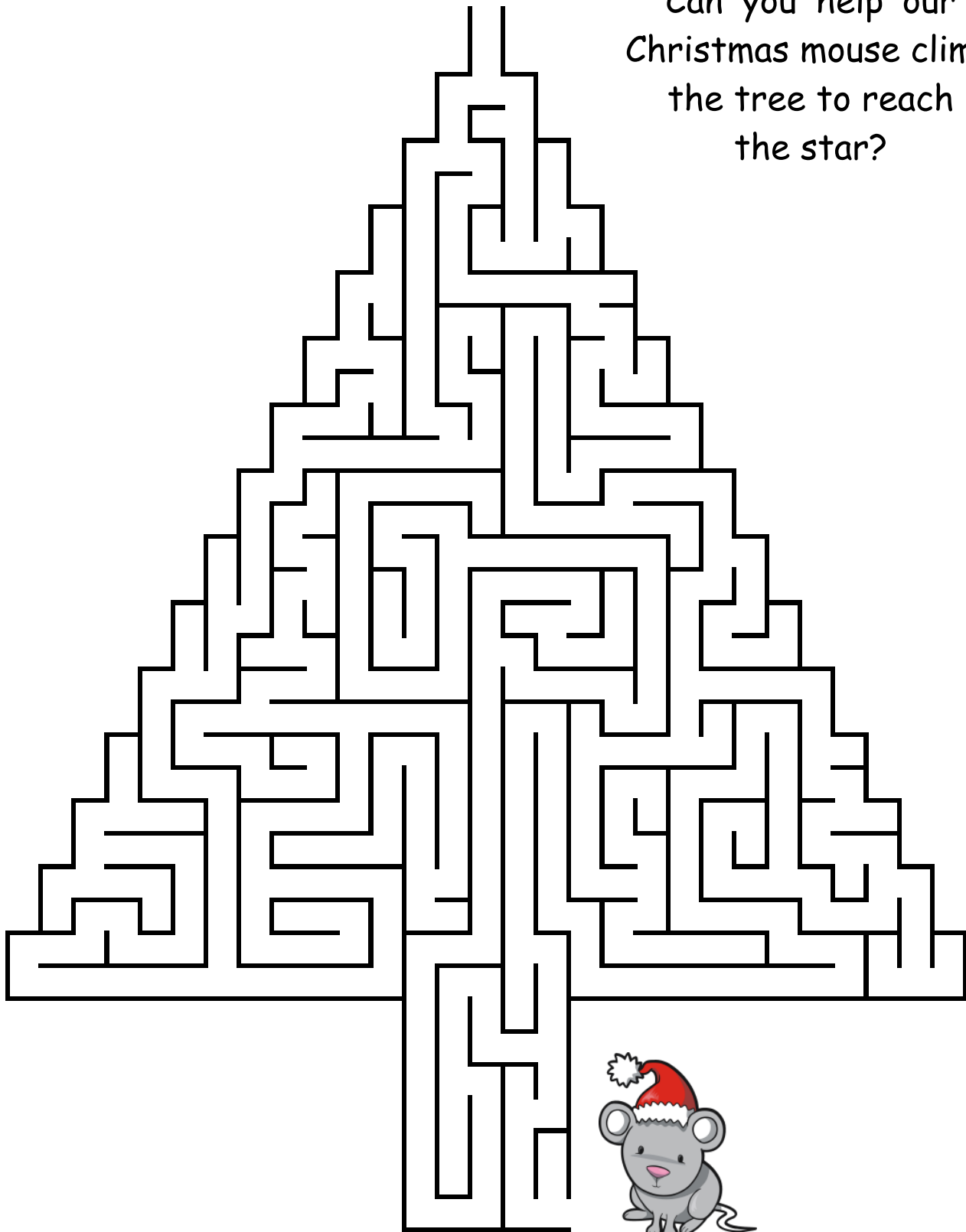
There are no deadlines for the Job Training Adult Education Program, but you must submit your application documents at least three weeks prior to the beginning of the course to ensure funding is available and can be disbursed to the institution.

Deadline for submitting spring 2010 semester applications for the Education Incentive Award Program is December 23rd, 2009.

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to tresham@astribe.com.



Can you help our
Christmas mouse climb
the tree to reach
the star?



Tribe sends Representatives to Tribal Youth, Capital Hill Forum

The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) at the U.S. Department of Justice hosted a forum that showcased a report on the Tribal Youth Program. Supported by OJJDP, the Tribal Youth Program (TYP) provides funds to Native American tribes to support and enhance tribal efforts to prevent and control delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system for American Indian and Alaska Native youth ages 17 years and under.

Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) invited tribal representatives to attend the releasing of a Tribal Youth Study in which our tribe participated. This study was conducted by the American Youth Policy Forum and sponsored by OJJDP. This study was released on October 23rd on Capitol Hill, in Washington DC.

Tresha Spoon, Director of Family Services/Education and Rick Short, Domestic Violence Coordinator attended on the behalf of the tribe. Both are strong advocates for Absentee Shawnee Youth and youth related activities. Tresha has been a part of the tribe's summer youth leadership camp for 8 years, camp leader for the last three years, and administrator for the Camp Nikoti Tribal Youth Program grant which began in October 2008. Rick wrote all three of the tribe's grant applications for the Tribal Youth Program, has provided training for summer camp counselors, and gave presentations for the summer youth leadership camp.

Since 1999, OJJDP has awarded 321 grants to 299 federally-recognized tribes to help them develop and implement culturally sensitive programs in the five following categories: prevention services to impact risk factors for delinquency, interventions for court-involved tribal youth, improvements to the tribal juvenile justice system, alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs, and mental health program services. The grants are used by the tribes to provide a wide range of services to youth, usually in the afterschool hours, that allow young people to be in safe environments, learn more about the history and culture of their tribe, and support their academic success.

This study was initiated to capture a snapshot of tribal youth programs that had been operating for at least six years and in a variety of regions across the United States. AYPF and OJJDP reps held formal interviews with 137 individuals, including program staff, community partners, tribal elders, tribal council members, parents, and youth in five different tribal communities: the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Oregon; Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Minnesota; Old Harbor Village, Alaska; the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Oklahoma; and the Mescalero Apache Tribe, New Mexico. The communities were selected by OJJDP program managers for their

geographic diversity and program maturity. The forum will provided an overview of the TYP program and its accomplishments, along with recommendations for federal policymakers.



AST/EOC Tech contract courses still available:

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe has an agreement with Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center to offer courses for tribal members and employees. More information is available on the tribe's website at www.astribe.com, click on the Adult Career Development link. No online courses are covered in the contract. All courses are campus-based courses only. The contract covers tuition and books, additional supplies required for the courses are the responsibility of the tribal member. Eligible courses are short-term courses, no full-time programs. This contract covers up to \$6,000.00 worth of tuition and books for tribal members, once this amount is depleted the agreement ends. A catalog of **fall/winter 2009** courses can be found at www.eoctech.org.

We have been into this agreement for a couple of years and we need to fulfill this agreement as soon as possible. For tribal members interested in taking a course, the application is available for download or a copy can be picked up at the Education Department. Tribal members need to make an appointment to meet with the Education Director, Tresha Spoon, to complete the application process. Please bring your completed application and a copy of your tribal enrollment card.

If you have any questions, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or email to tresham@astribe.com.

Tribe sends representative to Tribal Nations Listening Session and Annual Tribal Consultation for Violence Against Women.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma was invited to attend the Tribal Nations Listening Session. On October 28th and 29th, Kimberly Stephens, Domestic Violence Advocate, attended the Department of Justice's Tribal Nations Listening Session on Public Safety and Law Enforcement which was held in St. Paul, Minnesota. The U.S. Department of Justice bears a weighty responsibility to work with the sovereign Indian tribes in combating crime and securing the safety of Native American families. The Justice Department embraces this responsibility. They are actively reinvigorating their efforts to improve law enforcement and public safety in tribal communities by rebuilding true government-to-government partnerships. The two day listening session focused on four topics: support for tribal justice systems; federal law-enforcement responsibility; violence against Native women; and juvenile justice. The listening sessions is an opportunity for Justice Department leaders to hear directly from tribal leaders about the public safety challenges in your communities and about how the Justice Department can better fulfill its responsibility to help solve those problems while supporting tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

On October 30th, Kimberly Stephens also attended the Office on Violence Against Women Annual Tribal Consultation also being held in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Tribal Consultation addressed administering grant funds appropriated for tribal governments and programs created to benefit tribal governments by the original Violence Against Women Act and subsequent legislation; enhancing the safety of Indian women from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and strengthening the Federal response to crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.



The Office of Environmental Protection will be holding its annual Open House which is open to the public on December 17, 2009 from 10 am until 3 pm. Everyone is invited to visit, learn about the progress of our programs, explore planning options for our Brownfield sites and their potential re-use, to discuss the ongoing efforts of OEP to clean up the illegal dumps located on tribal properties and to introduce the tribal and non-tribal community to the Absentee Shawnee Training Institute. Refreshments and door prizes, everyone welcome.



Oklahoma Indian Legal Services will be at the Tribal Court House, Bldg. #3 on December 10, 2009 from 9am-12pm

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) is a non-profit organization that provides free legal services to low income Native Americans in Oklahoma. OILS represents Indian people in civil cases connected with their Indian status. To be eligible for services you must be low income. OILS does not handle criminal cases.



WANT FREE TAX SERVICE?

FREE E-FILING?

Of course you do. Volunteer attorneys, staff and law students will be available at the following times and places to professionally prepare your federal and state tax returns and e-file them, all at no cost to you.

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex
Building 3 (Treasurer's Offices)
9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Friday, January 15, 2010

Friday, February 19, 2010

Friday, January 22, 2010

Friday, February 26, 2010

Friday, January 29,

2010 Friday, March 5, 2010

Friday, February 5, 2010

Friday, March 12,

2010 Friday, February 12, 2010

Friday, March 19, 2010

Just bring to the site all your tax documents: W-2's, 1099's, childcare provider information, driver's license(s)/photo id(s), social security cards (copies are acceptable), and any other documents you think may be necessary to prepare your taxes. Copies of your 2008 tax returns would be helpful, but not required. If you want refunds deposited in your checking or savings accounts, we need the bank routing and account numbers.

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December 2009

menu subject to change
2% milk served daily

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Chicken Fry Steak Mashed Pot. /Gravy Corn Rolls/Pears	2 Brown Beans Okra & Tom. Fry Bread Cherry Crisp	3 Chef Salad Crackers Cottage chez Peaches	4 Eggs Bacon Toast	5
	6 Ham Mac n Chez Fried Greenbeans Roll Yogurt	7 Egg Roll Garlic Chicken Rice Fortune Cookie Salad Bar	8 Salisbury Steak Mashed Pot./Gravy Squash Pudding	9 Hamburgers fixings MacSalad Chips Jell-O	10 Cereal Biscuits Gravy	11
13	14 Manwich Sliced Carrots Fruit Cocktail	15 Stew Cornbread Okra Chez Stick Apples	16 Chicken N Dumplings Mixed Veggies Biscuit Cobbler	17 Chili Dogs Chips Pork n Beans Cookie	18 Biscuit Sausage Gravy	19
20	21 Title VI Closed for Cleaning & Inventory No Meals will be served or delivered	22	23 AST CLOSED	24	25 	26
27	28 Soft Taco Refried Beans Chips/Salsa Oatmeal Cookie	29 Lasagna Corn on Cob Apple Crisp Salad Bar	30 Chicken Rice Pilaf Broc/Chez Roll/ Jell-O	31 Ham Blackeyed Peas Squash Cake	Not going to be home call & let us know 275-4030 ext 169 or notify your driver	

Merry Christmas

From Title VD Staff

I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving and hope you enjoyed the hams.

On December 4, at the Little Axe Resource Center will be having a Healthy Heart Breakfast.

Title VD will be closed December 21 thru December 25 for cleaning and inventory. We will deliver shelf stored meals on December 18th.

During the winter months if the weather closes the school systems, we will be closed also.

Stay warm and have a wonderful Christmas.

*Yvette Moore
Title VD Coordinator*



Health Programs /AST Holiday Hours

(HP) Closed Wednesday, December 16th from
12-5 PM in addition to regular closings listed below.

(AST) Closed December 24th and 25th
and
December 31st and January 1st

DOUBLE YOUR THUNDER

Match Slot Play for EVERYONE

Friday • 9am-7pm
Saturday • 9am-3pm
Sunday • 9am-3pm



**NEW HOURS
FOR WEEKEND
MATCH PLAY!**

SENIORS DAY
MONDAY
9AM-3PM

LADIES NIGHT
TUESDAY
NOON-9PM

MEN'S NIGHT
WEDNESDAY
NOON-9PM

SENIORS DAY
THURSDAY
9AM-3PM

DOUBLE YOUR THUNDER

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Promotion Day
Last Friday of the month.
Show Absentee Shawnee C.D.I.B. Card
and get \$10 for \$20 from 9am-7pm.
Half price buffets on Monday nights, must show AST C.D.I.B. Card

Foster Parents Needed!!!

Can you open your home and heart for a foster child.? Foster parents provide a temporary, safe home for children in crisis. Foster parents are partners with child welfare workers, lawyers and judges. It is not for everyone but if you have it in your heart - we need you.

- Can you love and care for a child who comes from a difficult background?
- Can you help a child develop a sense of belonging?
- Are you secure in yourself & your parenting Skills?
- Can you maintain a positive attitude toward a child's parents?
- Can you love with all your heart & then let go?

FOSTER PARENTS PROVIDE A TEMPORARY, SAFE HOME FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS. THEY ARE PARTNERS WITH WORKERS, LAWYERS, AND JUDGES. IT IS NOT FOR EVERYONE! CAN YOU OPEN YOUR HOME AND HEART FOR A FOSTER CHILD?

Many children need a loving home and a family to help them through a very tough time. Please think about it and talk with your family before you become a foster home. They all need safe, supportive environments!

If you find yourself and your family interested in Foster Care, please contact Melissa Lopez 405-275-4030 ext. 166.



Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority

107 N. Kimberly, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74804

Phone: (405) 273-1050

Native American Programs Available:

- ❖ Lease with Option to Purchase
- ❖ Rental
- ❖ Over-Income Down Payment Assistance and Maintenance Assistance for Enrolled AST Members
- ❖ Maintenance Assistance
- ❖ Down Payment Assistance



Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

• Tribal Housing Improvements Application

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- b. Income
- c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- d. Condition of Home

Other Programs available:

• Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: www.astribe.com.

Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, Ok 74801

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235

PHARMACY NEWS

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Pharmacy (Shawnee Location) can fill prescriptions for enrolled tribal citizens only.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Pharmacy in Little Axe can fill prescriptions for tribal citizens written by Physicians not located at a Tribal Clinic under the following circumstances:

1. The prescription is for an Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizen who has an established chart at the Little Axe Clinic.
2. The prescription is on the formulary of approved medications and stocked in the pharmacy.

The following are a few tips to help us deliver pharmacy services to you more efficiently;

- ✓ Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription.
- ✓ Keep us informed of all changes in address, phone number and other contact information.
- ✓ Let the Pharmacy staff know if the prescription is going to be picked up or needs to be delivered.
- ✓ If you have any questions concerning your prescription please feel free to call and talk to our Pharmacist. They are here to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs.

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Little Axe Clinic • Little Axe Dental Clinic
15702 E. Hwy 9
Norman, Oklahoma 73026

Phone: (405) 447-0300 Fax: (405) 447-2250

Clinic Operating Hours
Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Weekends/Federal Holidays Closed

* Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed the 3rd Wednesday
of each month
from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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SAFE AND HAPPY
HOLIDAY SEASON**

A word cloud featuring the phrase "WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON" repeated in various typographic styles. The largest, most prominent text is in a bold, black, serif font, arranged vertically on the left side. Smaller, handwritten-style text in black ink is scattered throughout, some overlapping the larger text. The background is a solid, light beige color. The overall composition is dense and celebratory, with the words "WE", "WISH", "YOU", "A", "SAFE", "AND", "HAPPY", "HOLIDAY", and "SEASON" being the most frequent and largest elements.



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Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
OEP	(405) 273-9966
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	(405) 878-4702
or	1-877-878-4702
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
OEH	(405) 214-4235
AS Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino	(405) 360-9270
Or	1-800-259-LUCK
AST Media Dept	(405) 598-1279
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